

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A backlight unit comprising:

an optical guide plate having a front irradiation surface;

5 a tubular lamp extending along a lateral side of said optical guide plate;

5 a reflection member including a reflector for encircling said tubular lamp except for said lateral side of said optical guide plate and a reflection sheet disposed at a rear side of said optical guide plate;

10 a chassis for receiving therein said reflection member and said optical guide plate for support of said reflection member and said optical guide plate in unison; and

10 a lamp holder for supporting said tubular lamp at a corner portion of said chassis, wherein:

15 said reflector has a first portion sandwiched between said chassis and said lamp holder, said first portion restricting a lateral 15 movement of at least a front edge of said reflector with respect to said chassis.

20 2. The backlight unit according to claim 1, wherein said lamp holder has a horseshoe cross section as viewed normal to an extending direction of said tubular lamp, said horseshoe cross section having an opening at said lateral side of said optical guide plate.

25 3. The backlight unit according to claim 2, wherein said horseshoe

cross section is adapted to a cross section of said reflector.

4. The backlight unit according to claim 2, wherein said reflector has a cutout for exposing a portion of said chassis, whereby said lamp
5 holder is supported by said chassis at said exposed portion thereof.

5. The backlight unit according to claim 1, wherein said reflector is separated at a corner portion of said chassis, and said first portion extends from an end of said reflector at said corner portion.

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6. The backlight unit according to claim 5, wherein said first portion has an engagement which engages with a lateral side of said chassis.

15 7. The backlight unit according to claim 1, wherein said front edge of said reflector and said optical guide plate are adhered together by an adhesive tape.

8. An LCD unit comprising said backlight unit according to claim
20 1, and an LCD panel receiving light from said irradiating surface.

9. A backlight unit comprising:
an optical guide plate having a front irradiation surface;
a tubular lamp extending along a lateral side of said optical
25 guide plate;

a reflection member including a reflector for encircling said tubular lamp except for said lateral side of said optical guide plate and a reflection sheet disposed at a rear side of said optical guide plate;

5 a chassis for receiving therein said reflection member and said optical guide plate for support of said reflection member and said 10 optical guide plate in unison; and

15 a lamp holder for supporting said tubular lamp at a corner portion of said chassis, wherein:

20 said reflector has an engagement at a front side thereof, said engagement engaging with said chassis to restrict a lateral movement 25 of at least a front edge of said reflector with respect to said chassis.

10. The backlight unit according to claim 1, wherein said engagement engages with a lateral side of said chassis.

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11. An LCD unit comprising said backlight unit according to claim 9, and an LCD panel receiving light from said irradiating surface.